

Various performances beyond the walls of FHS were discussed including a workshop for the boys that was held at Penn State.

The upcoming winter concert to be held on Dec 5th was reviewed. The choir members attended a choir retreat and Ms. Volpato was very pleased with all of their hard work. The attire for the concert will be the choir robes. Volunteers signed up to donate baked goods, cases of water and also to help with ticket collection and ushers to hand out programs. Bakers were reminded to please have their items individually wrapped for sale. There will be an assembly on December 3rd to present the program to the school and jazz band members from East Hills Middle School will also participate. The jazz band will be having an art sale in the lobby.

The FHS Choir Performance Field Trip to Six Flags "intention" sheet is due by 12/9/14; please make sure the sheet is returned by that date.

The next performance after the concert will be the Coffee House on January 16th with a snow date of January 20th if needed. A choir retreat in preparation for the Coffee House is scheduled for January 8 as well as a dress rehearsal for this performance on January 13th from 2:30 - 6:00 pm. January 8 is also the date of the next parent meeting at which time the 1st payment (\$65) for the 6 Flags Trip is also due.

Parents were reminded to check out the calendar of events on the website which is updated regularly.

There are multiple communications sent out to parents through remind 101, google calendar, newsletter, email updates and communications sent home with your child. In addition to these, parents are asked to attend the quarterly meetings.

Unfortunately, some parents have had some issues that they are upset about and instead of coming to a board member or to Ms. Volpato to express their concern, they complained to others. This can lead to misinformation and bad feelings. We implore you that if you have any concerns or complaints to please address them to the board or Ms. Volpato only. That way you can get your questions answered and your concerns addressed. We remind you that the board works with Ms. Volpato to develop a program that benefits your child. We also remind you that we do this on a strictly volunteer basis. We, like you, have full time jobs and families. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Fund raising opportunities were discussed. The choir will be performing at Barnes and Noble on Freemansburg Avenue on Dec 9th from 5:40 - 8:00 pm. A handout to purchase a Cheesecake Factory cheesecake at a greatly discounted price was distributed. Purchases made at Barnes and Noble with Freedom High School being mentioned will result in a percentage of the sale being donated to the choir organization. Students will also have the opportunity to participate in candy sales.

Upcoming trips were discussed. The trip to Six Flags will take place on May 15th and a hand out with the details was distributed. The trip to the Broadway musical "Once" will need to be changed because the show is closing in January. Plans are in progress to choose a new show. The trip to Disney was moved to December of 2016. The children will have an opportunity to participate in a candlelight procession. This will also give the children more time to fund raise for the trip. Graduating seniors will hopefully be given the opportunity to go on the trip if they wish subject to approval by Principal LaPorta and The BASD Board.

Barbara McGorry and Thomas McGorry were re-elected to a second term as secretary and treasurer respectively.

Concert tickets were distributed to parents for those who have paid their activity fee. Those who have not yet paid the activity fee were reminded that this is due by Dec 1.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb McGorry
Secretary